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Craig Whitlock
The Washington Post
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Dear Mr. Whitlock:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on March 31, 2017, wherein you request a copy of "all reports of investigation by fleet-wide Inspector General offices that have substantiated misconduct allegations since March 1, 2016." It was received in this office on March 31, 2017, as assigned case file number USFF 2017-27- 004689.

Your request was processed under applicable provisions of the FOIA statute, as amended, and the implementing Navy Department directive (SECNAVINST 5720.42F). After a review of the responsive documents, it was determined that certain portions of those documents were exempt from disclosure under the following FOIA exemptions:

5 USC 552(b)(6), information in personnel and medical files, as well as similar personal information in other files (for example: names and ranks of active duty military personnel, social security numbers, home addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, etc.), that if disclosed would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and

5 USC 552(b)(7)(C), information in records compiled for law enforcement purposes, i.e., civil, criminal or military law, including the implementation of Executive Orders or regulations issued under law, where release could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy of a living person, including surviving family members of an individual identified in such a record.

A copy of the releasable portions of the responsive documents is provided as enclosure (1).

In this instance, the fees associated with the processing of this request were below the minimum threshold and have not been assessed. Please be advised, however, that fees, fee categories, and fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis, and a previous determination has no influence on future determinations.

For this determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from either the DoD Navy Component FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, (703) 697-0031; or by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (<https://ogis.archives.gov/>), ogis@nara.gov, (202) 741-5770.

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Because your request has been denied in part, you may appeal this determination, in writing, to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General
Department of the Navy
Attn: FOIA Appeals, Code 14
1322 Patterson Ave, SE, Ste. 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal must be received within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter. A copy of your initial request and this partial denial letter must accompany the appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this initial decision to be in error.

I am the person responsible for this determination. Please contact Ms. Linda Alvers at (757) 836-3630 or at linda.alvers@navy.mil if you require further assistance.

Sincerely,



W.M. KAFKA
Commander, U.S. Navy
Director Fleet Public Affairs
By direction of the Commander

Enclosure: 1. Responsive investigations (redacted)

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